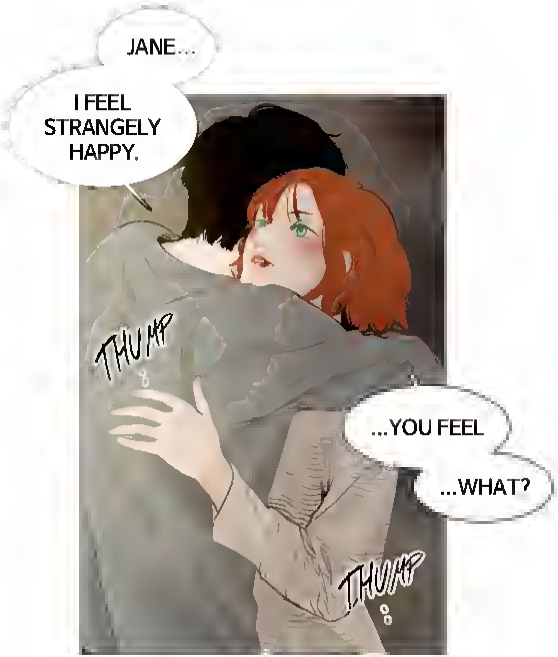
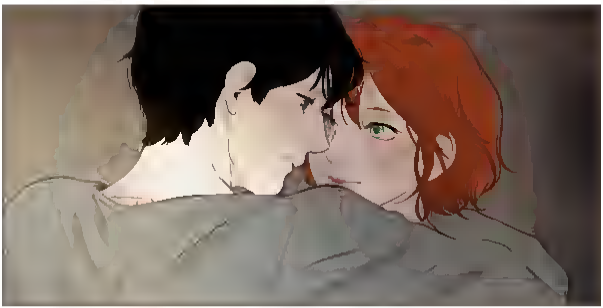
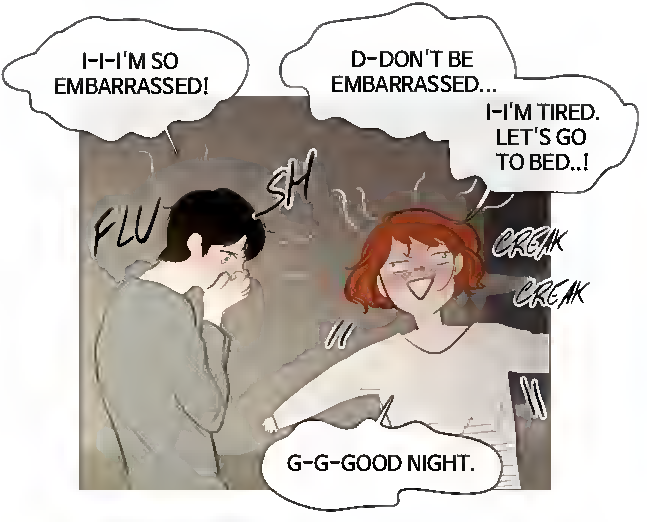
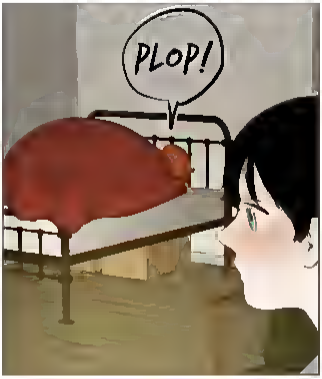

JANE...
I FEEL STRANGELY HAPPY.
THUMP
...YOU FEEL
...WHAT?
THUMP

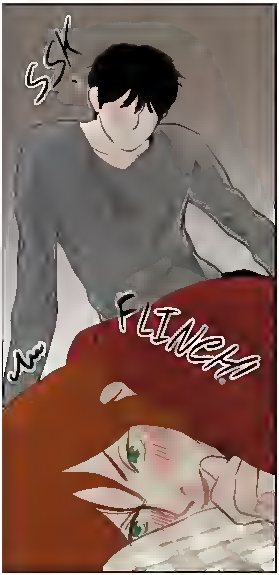
I FEEL HAP-




I-I-I'M SO EMBARRASSED!
D-DON'T BE EMBARRASSED...
I-I'M TIRED. LET'S GO TO BED..!
FLU
SH
CREAK
CREAK
G-G-GOOD NIGHT.


PLOP!

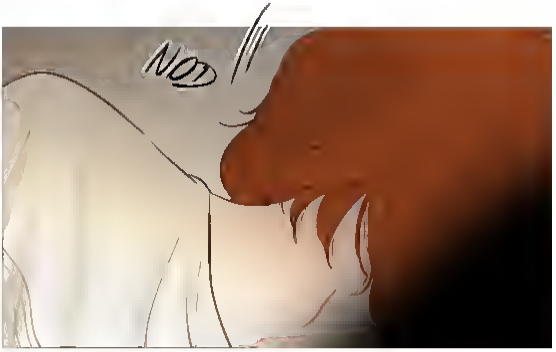
SSSSK
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP


SSK
FLINCH!

AAAAHHHH!!!
JANE.
W-WHY THE HECK ARE YOU HOLDING ME!!?

WHY WON'T YOU ANSWER ME?
GASP
W-WHAT?

I ASKED YOU BEFORE IF YOU LIKE ME.
DO YOU?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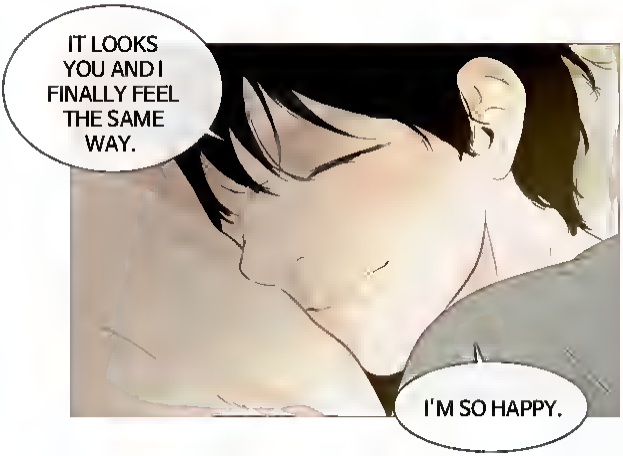
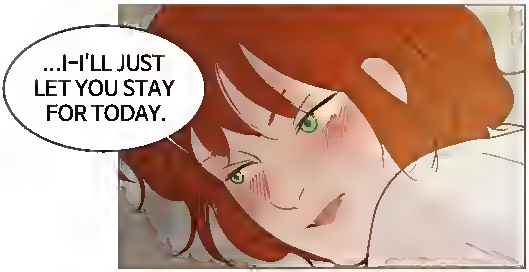
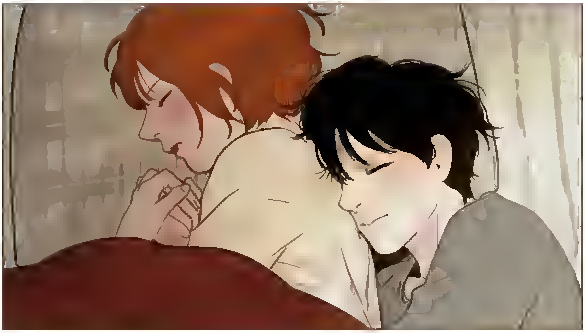

IT LOOKS YOU AND I FINALLY FEEL THE SAME WAY.
I'M SO HAPPY.

LOOKS LIKE EVEN HONESTY CAN BE A WEAPON.
A-AREN'T YOU GOING TO GO BACK TO THE COUCH?
NO. I WANT TO STAY RIGHT NEXT TO YOU.
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
IS THIS WHERE I AM GOING TO DIE? SHOULD I MAKE A COFFIN?


...I-I'LL JUST LET YOU STAY FOR TODAY.



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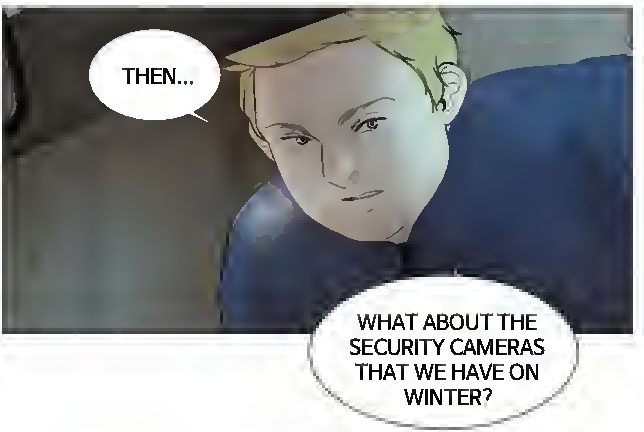
HERE ARE
THE PAINKILLERS
FOR WINTER

HE'LL DEFINITELY NEED THESE SINCE HIS PAIN MAY GET WORSE IN THE FUTURE.
SMITH WILL KNOW HOW MANY TO GIVE HIM.

SURE.
HEY, HUBERT.
ARE YOU GOING BACK TO THE LAB?
I'VE GOT TO.
THEY WOULD HAVE LOST THE SIGNAL FROM WINTER'S SEED. SO I HAVE TO GO AND READJUST IT TO THE SIGNAL FROM SMITH.


THEN...
WHAT ABOUT THE SECURITY CAMERAS THAT WE HAVE ON WINTER?

...FOR NOW, I WOULD STOP SURVEILLING HIM.
BUT YOU HAVE TO KEEP THE CAMERAS AND WIRES RUNNING.
IN ORDER TO TRICK THE LAB.

I SEE.
AND...

IN THE MORNING, AS YOU HAND THE PILLS TO WINTER, TELL HIM TO WATCH OUT FOR THE DIRECTOR.
TELL HIM NOT TO TRUST HER, TOO.

SINCE WINTER ONLY KNOWS HER AS JANE'S FRIEND,
HE MIGHT JUST OPENLY TELL HER ABOUT HIS PHYSICAL STATE.

ALRIGHT.
I WILL MAKE SURE
HE'S CAUTIOUS.
TAKE CARE.
ALRIGHT,
THEN.

VROOM

CLICK

FLINCH-

SA..
RAH?

SMILE
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
WHY HAVEN'T YOU GONE HOME UNTIL NOW?

GLANCE
AH- I JUST FELT A BIT TIRED,
SO I WENT OUT TO REFRESH MYSELF.

...THANKFULLY SHE DIDN'T SEE THAT WINTER'S SEED IS GONE.

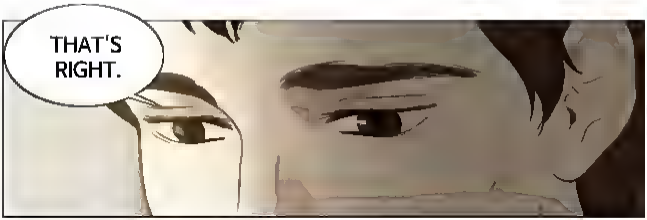
WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS LATE IN MY OFFICE, MA'AM?
AND THAT IN MY OFFICE?
I WAS ABOUT TO LEAVE.
I CAME IN TO CHECK ON HOW EL-01 IS DOING BEFORE LEAVING, BUT THERE'S A PASSWORD SO I CAN'T SEE IT.

THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE FOR WORK.
YOU MUST HAVE SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT IN THERE.

NO.
THERE'S NOTHING ASIDE FROM THE EXPERIMENT,
BUT STILL, IT'S MY PERSONAL LAPTOP.

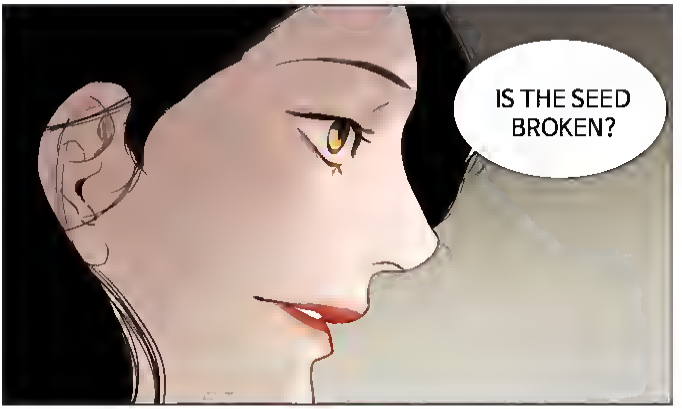
I HAVEN'T RECENTLY RECEIVED ANY REPORTS ABOUT EL-01.
BUT IT SEEMS YOU'VE WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK.
THERE WEREN'T ANY CLEAR CHANGES WORTH REPORTING.
IF YOU WANT, I WILL SEND YOU A REPORT TOMORROW.

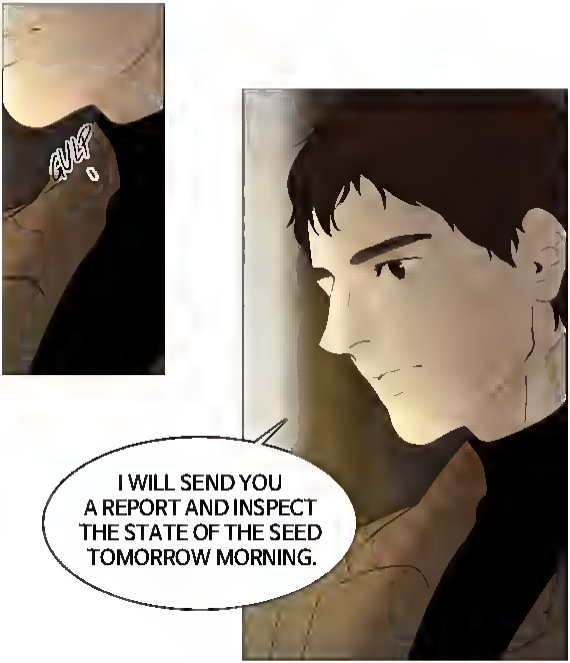
NO CHANGES...
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE HE BECAME MORE LIKE A HUMAN. ARE YOU SAYING THAT HIS BODY IS STILL THE SAME?


THAT'S RIGHT.

THEN IS EL-01, NEVER-AGING ONE, A FAILED EXPERIMENT?

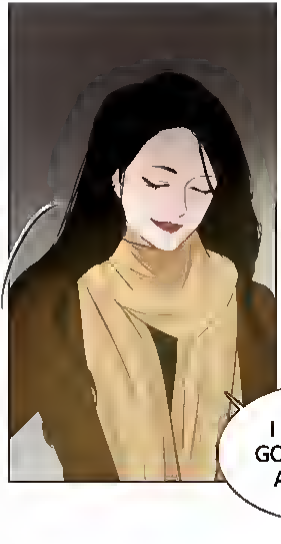
IF HE WERE A SUCCESS, THE SIGNS OF AGING SHOULD BE SHOWING UP, ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
I'LL HAVE TO KEEP OBSERVING FOR-
OR,

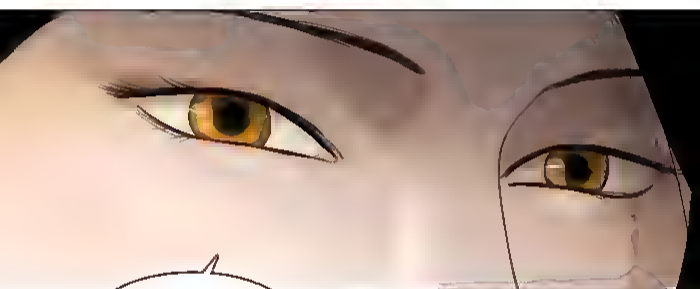

IS THE SEED
BROKEN?


GULP
I WILL SEND YOU A REPORT AND INSPECT THE STATE OF THE SEED TOMORROW MORNING.

FORGET IT. SEEING HOW HARD YOU'RE WORKING LATE INTO THE NIGHT LIKE THIS.
YOU LOOK EXTREMELY BUSY, HUBERT.
I'LL CHECK ON THE SEED MYSELF.

YOU MEAN IN PERSON?


I HAVE TO GO SEE JANE ANYWAY.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